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Report Highlights:

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This review of pesticide MRLs is unrelated to MHLW proposal to convert to a 'positive chemical list' system. As such, the MRLs established or reviewed at this time are NOT under the 'provisional' MRL establishment measures.

All interested parties are encouraged to send their comments well before the deadline for consideration by Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA. The office responsible for the comments is as follows:

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Following are the document and tables of the MRLs distributed by MHLW.

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**THE 82th CONFERENCE FOR PROMOTION
OF FOOD IMPORT FACILITATION**

(FOOD SAFETY GROUP)

**Standards Division
Department of Food Sanitation
Pharmaceutical and Medical Safety Bureau
Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare**

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2003, 10:00-12:00
Place: Annex to Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Building
Meeting Room No. 817 (8F)
Address: 1-3-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo

Agenda: 1. Establishment and revision of maximum residue limits for pesticides in agricultural products
2. Miscellaneous

Agenda Establishment and Revision of maximum residue limits for pesticides in agricultural products

Purpose

This activity is to develop specifications and standards for foods, additives, etc. Under the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Food Sanitation Law, the Minister of Health, Labor, and Welfare may establish maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides that may remain in agricultural products as specifications for food constituents.

Any food for which specifications are established pursuant to the same provisions may not be marketed unless such food complies with the established specifications.

Presently, MRLs are established for 229 chemicals on 130 agricultural products.

Outline of the activity

<Pesticides>

- MRLs for 11 pesticides, such as ethychlozate, will be newly established.
- The existing MRLs for 4 pesticides, such as EPN, will be revised.

Attached documents

Appendix 1. List of established MRLs

Appendix 2. List of revised MRLs

(Note: Only revised parts of the standards are appeared in the list.)

Deadline for submission of comments

Please provide the Standards Division with your comments on the proposed activity concerning the specifications and standards for foods by Monday, June 11, 2003. If you do not contact us by the given date, we will assume that you have no comments.

Please note that a report to the Minister of Health, Labor, and Welfare to be made based on the conclusions of a session of the Council on Drugs and Food Sanitation slated to be held at a later date, will constitute the final conclusion.

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Appendix 1 List of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (draft) (Newly established)

ETHYCHLOZATE

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Melons	5
UNSHU orange	5
NATSUDAIDAI (whole)	5
Lemon	5
Orange (including Navel)	5
Grapefruit	5
Lime	5
Other Citrus fruits	5
Japanese persimon	5

FAMOXADONE

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Soybeans (dry)	0.2
Potato	0.1
Chinese cabbage	1
Onion	0.5
Tomato	2
Cucumber (including Gherkin)	2
Water melon	0.1
Melons	0.1
Grape	2

OXAZICLOMEFONE

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.1

FENOXANIL

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	1

DICLOCYMET

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.5

FENOXAPROP-ETHYL

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.05
Wheat	0.1
Barley	0.1
Rye	0.01
Buckwheat	0.1
Other cereal grains	0.01
Soybeans (dry)	0.1
Beans (dry)*	0.1
Peanuts (dry)	0.05
Other Legumes/pulses	0.01
Potato	0.1
Sweet potato	0.1
Sugar beet	0.1
Cabbage	0.1
Cauliflower	0.1
Broccoli	0.1
Onion	0.1
Asparagus	0.1
Carrot	0.1
Kidney beans (with pods, immature)	0.1
Soybeans	0.1
Strawberry	0.1
Sunflower seeds	0.1
Cotton seeds	0.05
Rape seeds	0.1
Other oil seeds	0.1

TEPRALOXIDIM

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Soybeans (dry)	6
Beans (dry)*	0.2
Yam	0.2
Sugar beet	0.2
Onion	0.5
Carrot	0.2
Soybeans	1
Cotton seeds	0.2
Rape seeds	0.5

TRINEXAPAC-ETHYL

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.5

*Beans(dry) includes Butter beans, Cow peas, kidney beans, Lentil, Lima beans, Pigea, Sultans, and White beans

FENTRAZAMIDE

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Rice (brown rice)	0.1

FLUAZINUM

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Wheat	0.1
Beans (dry)*	0.1
Potato	0.1
Yam	0.05
Sugar beet	0.5
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (root)	0.05
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (leaf)	0.1
Chinese cabbage	0.1
Cabbage	0.1
Brussels sprouts	0.1
Cauliflower	0.1
Broccoli	0.1
Other Cruciferous vegetables	0.1
Burdock	0.05
Lettuce (Cos lettuce, Leaf lettuce)	0.1
Onion	0.1
Welsh (including Leek)	0.1
Asparagus	0.1
Other Liliaceous vegetables	0.1
UNSHU orange	0.5
NATSUDAIDAI (whole)	5
Lemon	5
Orange (including Navel)	5
Grapefruit	5
Lime	5
Other Citrus fruits	5
Apple	0.5
Japanese pear	0.5
Pear	0.5
Loquat	0.5
Peach	0.5
Mume plum	0.5
Cherry	0.5
Grape	0.5
Japanese persimon	0.5
Kiwifruit	0.5
Pineapple	0.5
Tea (Green, Black, Oolong, Wulong tea)	5

FLUMIOXAZIN

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm
Soybeans (dry)	0.02
Peanuts (dry)	0.02
UNSHU orange	0.1
NATSUDAIDAI (whole)	0.1
Lemon	0.1
Orange (including Navel)	0.1
Grapefruit	0.1
Lime	0.1
Other Citrus fruits	0.1
Apple	0.1
Japanese pear	0.1
Pear	0.1
Grape	0.1

*Beans(dry) includes Butter beans, Cow peas, kidney beans, Lentil, Lima beans, Pigea, Sultanpeas, and White beans

Appendix 2 List of Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides in Foods (draft) (Revised)

EPN

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Wheat	0.2	
Potato		0.1
Japanese radish (including Radish) (root)		0.1
Japanese radish (including Radish) (leaf)		0.1
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (root)		0.1
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (leaf)		0.1
Chinese cabbage		0.1
Brussels sprouts		0.1
Burdock		0.1
Lettuce (Cos lettuce, Leaf lettuce)		0.1
Welsh (including Leek)	0.1	
Carrot		0.1
Pumpkin (including Squash)	0.2	
Water melon	0.1	
Melons	0.1	
Spinach		0.1
Ginger	0.1	
UNSHU orange		0.1
NATSUDAIDAI (flesh)		0.1
NATSUDAIDAI (peel)		0.5
Apple		0.1
Japanese pear		0.1
Peach		0.1
Cherry		0.1
Strawberry		0.1
Grape		0.1
Japanese persimon		0.1
Tea (Green, Black, Oolong, Wulong tea)		0.1

CHLORPYRIFOS(1)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Wheat	0.5	0.1
Barley	0.2	0.1
Rye	0.01	0.1
Buckwheat	0.01	0.1
Other cereal grains	0.75	3
Soybeans (dry)	0.3	0.5
Peas	0.05	0.1
Broad beans	0.05	0.1
Peanuts (dry)	0.2	0.5
Other Potatoes	0.01	0.02
Japanese radish (including Radish) (root)	0.5	3
Japanese radish (including Radish) (leaf)	2	
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (root)	1	3
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (leaf)	0.3	
Watercress	0.01	2
Cabbage	0.05	1
KOMATSUNA	1	2
KYONA	1	2
Broccoli	1	2
Other Cruciferous vegetables	1	2
Artichoke	1	0.01
Welsh (including Leek)	0.2	0.01
Asparagus	5	0.5
Other Solanaceous vegetables	1	0.5
Cucumber (including Gherkin)	0.05	0.1
Pumpkin (including Squash)	0.05	0.1
Water melon	0.01	0.5
Melons	0.01	0.5
MAKUWAURI	0.01	0.5
Okra	0.5	0.1
Peas (with pods, immature)	0.01	0.1
Soybeans	0.3	0.1
Other Vegetables	0.5	0.01
UNSHU orange	1	0.3
NATSUDAIDAI (whole)	1	0.3
Lemon	1	0.3
Orange (including Navel)	1	0.3
Grapefruit	1	0.3
Lime	1	0.3
Other Citrus fruits	1	0.3
Nectarine	0.05	1
Apricot	0.05	1
Mume plum	0.01	1
Cherry	1	2
Strawberry	0.2	0.5
Blackberry	1	0.5
Blueberry	1	2
Huckleberry	0.01	0.5
Other berries	1	0.5
Japanese persimon	0.01	0.5
Banana	3	0.5
Papaya	0.01	0.5
Pineapple	0.05	0.5

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CHLORPYRIFOS(2)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Guava	0.05	0.5
Mango	0.05	0.5
Passion fruit	0.05	0.5
Date	0.3	0.5
Other Fruits	1	0.5
Sunflower seeds	0.25	0.5
Sesam seeds	0.1	0.5
Safflower seeds	0.1	0.5
Rape seeds	0.1	0.5
Other oil seeds	0.1	0.5
Ginkgo nut	0.01	0.5
Chestnut	0.2	0.5
Pecan	0.2	0.5
Almond	0.2	0.5
Walnut	0.2	0.5
Other nuts	0.2	0.5
Tea (Green, Black, Oolong, Wulong tea)	10	3
Hop	0.1	

FENPYROXYMATE(1)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Beans (dry)*	0.05	0.1
Broad beans		0.1
Peanuts (dry)		0.1
Other Legumes/pulses		0.1
Sugar beet	0.05	
Burdock		0.5
Salsify		0.5
Artichoke		0.5
Chicory		0.5
Endive		0.5
SHUNGIKU		2
Lettuce (Cos lettuce, Leaf lettuce)		0.5
Other Composite vegetables		0.5
Other Liliaceous vegetables		0.5
Carrot		0.5
Parsnip		0.5
Parsley		0.5
Celery		0.5
MITSUBA		2
Other Umbelliferous vegetables		0.5
Other Solanaceous vegetables		0.5
Pumpkin (including Squash)		0.5
Orinetal pickling melon (vegetable)		0.5
MAKUWAURI		1
Spinach	0.5	2
Okra		0.5
Ginger		0.5
Other Vegetables	5	8
Apple	0.5	1
Quince		1
Loquat	0.2	1
Peach	0.1	1
Nectarine		1
Apricot		1
Japanese plum (including Prunes)		1
Mume plum		1
Cherry	0.5	1
Strawberry	0.5	1
Raspberry		1
Blackberry		1
Blueberry		1
Cranberry		1
Huckleberry		1
Banana		1
Kiwifruit	0.1	1
Papaya		1
Avocado		1
Pineapple		1
Guava		1

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FENPYROXYMATE(2)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Mango		1
Passion fruit		1
Date		1
Other Fruits	0.5	1
Sunflower seeds		1
Sesam seeds		1
Safflower seeds		1
Cotton seeds	0.1	1
Rape seeds		1
Other oil seeds		1
Ginkgo nut		1
Chestnut		1
Pecan		1
Almond		1
Walnut		1
Other nuts		1

MALEIC HYDRAZIDE(1)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Soybeans (dry)	0.2	
Beans (dry)*	0.2	
Peas	0.2	
Broad beans	0.2	
Peanuts (dry)	0.2	
Other Legumes/pulses	0.2	
Taro	0.2	35
Sweet potato	10	35
Yam	0.2	35
Konjac	0.2	35
Other Potatoes	0.2	35
Sugar beet	15	20
Japanese radish (including Radish) (root)	0.2	25
Japanese radish (including Radish) (leaf)	0.2	
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (root)	30	25
Turnip (including Rutabaga) (leaf)	0.2	
Horseradish	0.2	25
Watercress	0.2	25
Chinese cabbage	0.2	25
Cabbage	0.2	25
Brussels sprouts	0.2	25
Kale	0.2	25
KOMATSUNA	0.2	25
KYONA	0.2	25
Cauliflower	0.2	25
Broccoli	0.2	25
Other Cruciferous vegetables	0.2	25
Burdock	0.2	25
Salsify	0.2	25
Artichoke	0.2	25
Chicory	0.2	25
Endive	0.2	25
SHUNGIKU	0.2	25
Lettuce (Cos lettuce, Leaf lettuce)	0.2	25
Other Composite vegetables	0.2	25
Welsh (including Leek)	0.2	25
Asparagus	10	25
Multiplying onion (including Shallot)	15	25
Other Liliaceous vegetables	10	25
Carrot	30	25
Parsnip	30	25
Parsley	0.2	25
Celery	0.2	25
MITSUBA	0.2	25
Other Umbelliferous vegetables	0.2	25
Tomato	0.2	25
Pimento (Sweet pepper)	0.2	25
Egg plant	0.2	25
Other Solanaceous vegetables	0.2	25
Cucumber (including Gherkin)	0.2	25
Pumpkin (including Squash)	0.2	25
Orinetal pickling melon (vegetable)	0.2	25
Water melon	0.2	40
Melons	0.2	40

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MALEIC HYDRAZIDE(2)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
MAKUWAURI	0.2	40
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables	0.2	25
Okra	0.2	25
Ginger	0.2	25
Peas (with pods, immature)	0.2	25
Kidney beans (with pods, immature)	0.2	25
Soybeans	0.2	25
Button mushroom	0.2	25
SHIITAKE	0.2	25
Other mushrooms	0.2	25
Other Vegetables	30	25
UNSHU orange	35	40
Lemon	0.2	40
Orange (including Navel)	15	40
Grapefruit	0.2	40
Lime	0.2	40
Apple	0.2	40
Japanese pear	0.2	40
Pear	0.2	40
Quince	0.2	40
Loquat	0.2	40
Peach	0.2	40
Nectarine	0.2	40
Apricot	0.2	40
Japanese plum (including Prunes)	0.2	40
Mume plum	0.2	40
Cherry	0.2	40
Strawberry	0.2	40
Raspberry	0.2	40
Blackberry	0.2	40
Blueberry	0.2	40
Cranberry	0.2	40
Huckleberry	0.2	40
Other berries	0.2	40
Grape	25	40
Japanese persimon	0.2	40
Banana	0.2	40
Kiwifruit	20	40
Papaya	0.2	40
Avocado	0.2	40
Pineapple	15	40
Guava	0.2	40
Mango	0.2	40
Passion fruit	0.2	40
Date	0.2	40
Other Fruits	0.2	40
Sunflower seeds	0.2	40
Sesam seeds	0.2	40
Safflower seeds	0.2	40
Cotton seeds	0.2	40
Rape seeds	0.2	40
Other oil seeds	0.2	40
Ginkgo nut	0.2	40
Chestnut	0.2	40

MALEIC HYDRAZIDE(3)

Agricultural products	MRLs (draft) ppm	MRLs (current) ppm
Pecan	0.2	40
Almond	0.2	40
Walnut	0.2	40
Other nuts	0.2	40
Tea (Green, Black, Oolong, Wulong tea)	0.2	
Hop	0.2	

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